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20 Health Care Providers Receive Deficiency-Free Inspections in January and February

DES MOINES, IOWA (March 9, 2009) – Twenty Iowa nursing homes and assisted living programs received a letter of recognition from the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) for deficiency-free inspections conducted in January and February. “These facilities and programs should be recognized for the quality of care and service they provide to their residents and tenants,” DIA Director Dean Lerner said. Thirteen nursing facilities and seven assisted living programs passed their inspection without any identified health care issues, Director Lerner explained, adding: “The quality of care being provided in these facilities and programs serves as a model for all of Iowa’s health care providers.”

The facilities and programs that received a deficiency-free or regulatory insufficiency-free letter from the Department were:

- Sibley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Sibley
- Spires Community Living Home, Dubuque
- Mosaic-Cummins, Des Moines
- Opportunities Unlimited – Berry Ridge, Sioux City
- Keyway Community Living Home, Dubuque
- Howard Residential Care Center, Cresco
- Cottage Grove Place, Cedar Rapids
- Pennington Square, Monticello
- Terrace Park Senior Living, Leon
- Odebolt Assisted Living, Odebolt
- Oneota Housing, Inc., Decorah
- Emerald Oaks, Emmetsburg
- Theimer Group Home, Cedar Falls
- Mosaic-McLane, Osceola
- Highland Park Group Home, Des Moines
- Country Lane Group Home, Waterloo
- Carlton Drive Group Home, Cedar Falls
- Winterset Care Center South, Winterset
- Monroe Care Center, Albia
- Woodland Park, Anamosa

“Iowans are fortunate in that our state has wonderful nursing homes and assisted living programs,” the Director continued. “Historically, approximately 12 percent of Iowa’s long-term care facilities and 20 percent of our assisted living programs pass their health service inspections with flying colors,” Lerner added.

DIA's Health Facilities Division is responsible for licensing or certifying more than 1,000 nursing facilities, residential care facilities, intermediate care facilities, assisted living programs, elder group homes, and adult day service centers. Long-term care facilities are routinely surveyed on an annual basis, while assisted living programs are inspected once every two years under Iowa law.

During their annual inspections, surveyors and monitors from the Health Facilities Division review the quality of care and service provided to the residents and tenants. Inspectors also review the policies and procedures used by the facilities and programs in their day-to-day operations. Identified problems (called deficiencies in nursing homes and regulatory insufficiencies in assisted living programs) are expected to be remedied and plans of correction developed to prevent further issues.

The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals posts reports from all inspections and compliant investigations conducted at nursing homes and assisted living programs on its Nursing Home Report Card web site (https://dia-hfd.iowa.gov/DIA_HFD/Home.do).

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